

# THANE PROJECT FULLY FINANCED; WORK BEGINS BEFORE YEAR'S END

## Fifty Thousand Reported Drowned in China Floods

### GREAT DISASTER STRIKES CHINA; THOUSANDS DIE

Millions Reported to Have  
Been Made Homeless—  
10,000 Villages Gone.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13. — Millions have been made homeless and 50,000 are reported to have drowned in the widespread floods in China. Tens of thousands of villages are reported to have been destroyed. Thousands of refugees are pouring into Peking.

### KID M'COY IS UNDER ARREST; MURDER CHARGE

Well Known Prizefighter  
Held in Los Angeles—  
Woman Shot, Killed.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 13. — Norman Selby, known in the ring as "Kid" McCoy, has been arrested charged with suspicion of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moers, found shot to death. The woman died about midnight.

The police claim that after that time, McCoy tried to rob a grocery store and a bystander who tried to stop him was shot in the scuffle.

The city and suburbs are being combed today for Albert Moers, wealthy antique dealer, the woman's divorced husband, at first reported to have been killed and later said to have been wounded by McCoy, in the woman's apartments.

Moers had been charged with robbing the woman's place of business while a property settlement was being made subsequent to the divorce.

The landlady said Selby and the woman have been living as Mr. and Mrs. Shield.

The police quoted Selby as saying Moers separated him from "the only woman I ever loved."

### Unemployment in West Is Now Being Relieved

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — Relief from unemployment in the western states is due to the demand for harvesters. A slight increase in unemployment in the east and south is reported for July by the Bureau of Labor in a statistical report. The lumber industry has caused many to be idle, the report says.

### MUCH SILVER IS PURCHASED

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. — Germany has purchased 4,000,000 ounces of silver from American producers for coinage, and Poland recently bought 6,400,000 ounces according to announcement made here today.

### Two Women Are Killed; Auto Jumps Over Bank

WAUNA, Ore., Aug. 13. — Mrs. F. E. Mercer, of Elgin, Wash., Stella Smythe, of Tacoma, were killed and a boy and girl injured when an auto plunged over a 50-foot bank here yesterday afternoon.

### Man Shot and Killed When Dice Game Raided

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 13. — One man was shot and killed attempting to escape from five masked bandits who raided a dice game last night. The bandits bound and robbed 36 players according to the police.

### THINKING, THINKING, WEIGHING LIVES OF TWO.



This highly interesting study of Judge John R. Caverly was snapped in his Chicago court room, when he was listening to the arguments on which he, and he alone, was to determine whether Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb would go to the gallows or to State's prison for the brutal murder of little Robert Frank.

## COOLIDGE REPUDIATES CIRCULARS THAT ELECTION IS RELIGIOUS WAR

### President Coolidge Puts Campaign in Hands of Committee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — President Coolidge, after his speech of acceptance Thursday night at 8 o'clock, eastern time, which will be broadcast, will place the campaign largely in the hands of the Republican National Committee, advisers of Coolidge stated today. The President's duties will demand practically all of his time.

### ANN LUTHER'S CASE THROWN OUT OF COURT

Judge Throws Case Out—  
Most Indecent—Was for  
Breach of Promise.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13. — Ann Luther's \$100,000 breach of promise suit against Jack F. White, wealthy mining man, was today thrown out of court by the Judge who said it was the most indecent case he had ever heard. He recommended a charge under the Mann act for a journey of the mining man and the screen star across the country in a Pullman car.

When the case was brought to trial, White denied he had ever promised Miss Luther to wed her, or even promised to finance her film career. He said: "I found her a very naughty girl."

### Forest Fires Cost State Of Washington Large Sum

SEATTLE, Aug. 13. — Supt. Joy, of the Washington State Fire Association, reported to date that 1,739,000 feet of standing timber and private buildings have been destroyed by forest fires in this State with a loss estimated at \$750,000.

### WORLD FLIERS ARE AWAITING GOOD WEATHER

Hop Will Be Made When  
Weather Improves — An-  
magsalik Remains Base.

BULLETIN—REYKJAVIK, Aug. 13. — After a conference today on board the U. S. S. Richmond, Lieut. Smith announced that Anmagsalik will remain as the base on the east coast of Greenland. The world fliers await more favorable weather conditions before hopping off on the leg across the Danish Straits.

CONFERENCE CALLED. REYKJAVIK, Aug. 13. — Advice received today from the U. S. S. Raleigh states the harbor at Anmagsalik is too small and nearly filled with floating ice for the fliers to light and it is also impracticable to rise. Admiral Magruder called Lieut. Smith, flight commander, and Major Crumrine, of the Air Service to a conference aboard the Richmond. The traveler Karl, sent with coal for the Gertrude Rask by orders of Lieut. Smith, returned unable to make delivery. The Rask reported she found plenty of coal at Anmagsalik.

BOSTON NO. 2 TRAVELS ON. ST. JOHNS, Aug. 13. — The government of New Foundland has granted permission for the plane Boston No. 2 to continue to Hawks Harbor to be turned over to Lieut. Wade, of the world fliers.

PLANE AT ANMAGSALIK. ON BOARD U. S. S. RALEIGH, Aug. 13. — A reconnaissance plane from this ship flew over the harbor.

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### Progress of Conference in London Pleases Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — President Coolidge is encouraged by the progress of the International Conference in London on the Dawes plan but considers that it is unfortunate that the question of war debts of the Allies has become involved at this time with the reparations problem.

### COMMENT VERY FAVORABLE ON DAVIS' SPEECH

Presidential Candidate Takes  
Up Leading Issues and  
Discusses Them.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 13. — Much favorable comment has been received here over the acceptance speech made by John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate. He covered a wide range of subjects and hewed to the line. Among the chief things he pledged himself, others than previously given were:

Agricultural and thorough revision of the tariff; governmental assistance in extending the cooperative marketing principle and by other means.

Reduction in taxation and revision of the tariff. Cooperation officially with all legitimate endeavors, whether from the League of Nations or from any other source, to lessen the prospect of war; to aid in repairing the ravages of past wars; to promise disarmament and to advance the well being of mankind.

To maintain the means of adequate national defense "until reason is permitted to take the place of force."

In opposition to the impairment.

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### CHIEF FIGURES IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



Sen. C. W. Pepper



Lt. Eric Nelson



Lt. Lowell Smith



Lt. Leigh Wade

Lieutenant Erik Nelson, after being separated from his companions on the hop from Orkney Islands to Iceland on the round-the-world flight, continued through the fog and reached Hoen Hornafjord in safety. The following day Lieutenant Lowell Smith made the jump, but Lieutenant Leigh Wade was forced down on the open sea and his airplane wrecked while being hoisted on board the U. S. S. Richmond. U. S. Senator George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania, "worked" his way as deck hand on a trip to Maine for his vacation. He sailed from New York with Frank B. Noyes and a party of friends on Mr. Noyes' yacht, Asphore, with a full Corinthian crew.

### LEOPOLD-LOEB WERE SANE IN THEIR CRIME

Alienist Declares Defendants  
Knew Just What They  
Were Doing.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13. — Dr. Hugh T. Patrick, Chicago alienist, testified today that both Loeb and Leopold were perfectly sane when they kidnapped and killed Robert Frank. Answering hypothetical questions concerning the thoughts of the defendants, Dr. Patrick said:

"They have perfectly normal reactions. Everyone at times are more or less depressed."

Dr. Patrick declared everybody had "fantasies concerning the things they are interested in."

Other witnesses testifying yesterday afternoon in the case included Mrs. Katherine Fitzgerald, secretary to Albert Loeb; Jacob M. Loeb, uncle of Nathan Loeb; Allen Loeb, a brother and Leonard Tucker, Loeb's chauffeur.

Dr. Harbert also gave additional testimony.

Larry Cunco, State's attorney Crowe's secretary was recalled, as was Sam O'Malley, police sergeant.

E. J. Puttkammer, professor of criminal law at the University of Chicago and Dr. H. T. Patrick, of Chicago, the first alienist for the State.

Secretary of Navy  
Is to Visit Seattle

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### GEN. PERSHING TO BE RETIRED SEPTEMBER 13

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — Secretary of War Weeks today announced the retirement of Gen. John J. Pershing on September 13 and Major General John L. Hines, Deputy Chief of Staff, will take his place.

CAMP DEVEN, Mass., Aug. 13. — Gen. Pershing, following a general review here today, told the men attending the Citizens Military Camp that "Defense Day was the most important event undertaken in American interests of peace" and he scored criticism aroused as unsound and absolutely uncalled for.

### SUPERSTITIOUS DEMOCRATS SEE GOOD OMEN IN NOVEMBER DATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — Democrats who have any superstitious leanings may find great comfort in a discovery made here by researchers in political history. The great find is this:

Every time a Presidential election has fallen in November on November 4, since the birth of the Democratic party, the Democratic candidate has won. This year's election again comes on the magic day.

Another interesting coincidence, which again fits the present case, is that all of the Democratic candidates elected on November 4, were Presbyterians. John W. Davis is a member of that church.

One other similarity between the Democratic residents elected on November 4, however, does not fit Davis. They all had only one given name. The ultra superstitious now may be expected to urge Davis to follow Woodrow Wilson's example and drop the John, becoming plain

### STRONG EASTERN CAPITAL BACKS NITRATE PLANT

Thane Authorizes Announcement  
that Deal Is Closed  
for Development.

### PULP AND PAPER PLANT IN TWO YEARS IS SURE

Nitrate Output for Ten Years  
Sold to Mitsui—Many  
Men to Get Work.

Funds for complete development of the Thane ammonium nitrate plant have been secured and work on this development will be started this year by a force of several hundred men. Bart L. Thane, representing the Alaska Gastineau Company, owners of the Thane property, and who has been engaged in promoting the new enterprise for Thane, has authorized John W. Troy, publisher and editor of The Empire, to make this announcement.

The project is fully financed and it is not only intended to develop the nitrate end of the undertaking but also the manufacture of pulp and paper. The latter industry will materialize within the next two years.

Announcement is Brief. The announcement that the deal has been successfully pushed to completion was made briefly by telegraph from Seattle where Mr. Troy has been for the past week. Wiring to The Empire today he said:

"Bart L. Thane authorizes the announcement that the Thane project is now fully financed. Mr. Thane and Mr. Wells, the latter General Manager of the new company, will be in Juneau in the Fall and several hundred men will be put to work before the end of this year. Past delay has been caused by the decision of Mr. Frederick Pope and associates to pay the Alaska Gastineau Company in cash instead of bonds. Mitsui & Co. have contracts for entire output for ten years."

Local Officials Confirm. Mr. Thane's announcement occasioned no surprise to General Manager Emil Gastonguay, of the Alaska Gastineau, and H. L. Faulkner, local attorney for it, who have been looking after local affairs during the negotiations. Both said that they had been advised by mail that the financing had successfully been negotiated. The official announcement

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William Davis, Wilson having dropped Thomas, or Davis might keep John and let William go.

Davis' four predecessors as Democratic candidates whose election fell on the fourth of November, and the years, were:

1828—Andrew Jackson.  
1856—James Buchanan.  
1884—Grover Cleveland.  
1912—Woodrow Wilson.

The only other time the election fell on November 4, was before the Democratic party was organized. This was in 1800. But even in that case the Democrats claim the votes were with them, because it was in that year the father of the party, Thomas Jefferson, was elected.

Jefferson was elected by the House of Representatives, all candidates having failed to receive a majority in the electoral college. There are strong prospects that the election this year may be thrown into the House.